

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Amended) A transconductor circuit, comprising:

a first input device  $M_1$  and a second input device  $M_2$  each having a control terminal coupled to a differential radio frequency input signal; and

a bias setting device  $M_B$  having a control terminal coupled to said differential radio frequency input signal and an output coupled to said control terminal of each of said  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , where  $M_B$  is partitioned into two equal sized paralleled bias setting devices  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$ , where  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$  are coupled to said control terminals of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  for establishing a bias voltage at the control terminals of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  and wherein said differential radio frequency input signal is coupled to a base of  $M_{B1}$  and a base of  $M_{B2}$ .

2. (Original) A transconductor circuit as in claim 1, where  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$  are CMOS field effect transistors (FETS) and where said control terminal of each is a gate, where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are connected in a common source configuration, where a drain of  $M_{B1}$  is coupled to said gate of  $M_1$  through a first resistance and to said gate of  $M_2$  through a second resistance, and where a drain of  $M_{B2}$  is coupled to said gate of  $M_1$  through said first resistance and to said gate of  $M_2$  through said second resistance.

3. (Original) A transconductor circuit as in claim 2, where said gate of  $M_{B1}$  and said gate of  $M_{B2}$  are each capacitively coupled to said RF input signal.

4. (Original) A transconductor circuit as in claim 2, where said drain of each of  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$  is coupled to a source of bias current  $I_B$ .

5. (Original) A transconductor circuit as in claim 1, where  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$  are bipolar transistors  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_{B1}$  and  $Q_{B2}$  and where said control terminal of each is a base, where  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are connected in a common emitter configuration, where a collector of each of  $Q_{B1}$  and  $Q_{B2}$  is coupled to a source of bias current  $I_B$  and to a base of a further bias transistor  $Q_{Bb}$  having an emitter coupled to said base of  $Q_1$  through a first resistance and to said base of  $Q_2$  through a second resistance.

6. (Original) A transconductor circuit as in claim 5, where said base of  $Q_{B1}$  is coupled to

said first resistance and to said base of  $Q_1$ , and where said base of  $Q_{B2}$  is coupled to said second resistance and to said base of  $Q_2$ .

7. (Original) A transconductor circuit as in claim 6, where said bases of  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_{B1}$  and  $Q_{B2}$  are each capacitively coupled to said RF input signal.

8. (Original) A transconductor circuit as in claim 5, where a collector of  $Q_{Bb}$  is coupled to a supply voltage  $V_{DD}$ .

9. (Original) A transconductor circuit as in claim 5, where emitters of  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_{B1}$  and  $Q_{B2}$  are each degenerated using a degeneration impedance.

10. (Original) A transconductor circuit as in claim 5, where a value of the degeneration impedance of each of  $Q_{B1}$  and  $Q_{B2}$  is about twice the value of a degeneration impedance that would be used if only a single degenerated bias transistor  $Q_B$  were used in place of  $Q_{B1}$  and  $Q_{B2}$ .

11. (Original) A transconductor circuit as in claim 1, forming a part of a mixer of a cellular telephone.

12. (Original) A transconductor circuit as in claim 1, disposed in a radio frequency integrated circuit.

13. (Original) A transconductor circuit as in claim 1, disposed in a radio frequency integrated circuit of a direct conversion receiver of a cellular telephone.

14. (Amended) A transconductor circuit as in claim 1, disposed in a radio frequency integrated circuit as part of a down-conversion mixer of a direct conversion receiver of a cellular telephone, ~~and where said radio frequency input signal is a differential signal.~~

15. (Amended) A method to substantially cancel second-order intermodulation distortion and enhance a second order intercept point in a transconductance circuit, comprising:

constructing the circuit to comprise a first input device  $M_1$ , a second input device  $M_2$  and

a bias setting device  $M_B$  each having a control terminal coupled to a differential radio frequency input signal, where an output of  $M_B$  is coupled to said control terminal of each of said  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ ; and

partitioning  $M_B$  into two equal sized paralleled bias setting devices  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$ , where  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$  are coupled to said control terminals of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  for establishing a bias voltage at the control terminals of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  and wherein said differential radio frequency input signal is coupled to a base of  $M_{B1}$  and a base of  $M_{B2}$ .

16. (Original) A method as in claim 15, further comprising coupling  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$  and  $M_B$  to a supply voltage, and operating the circuit with a said supply voltage of about one volt.

17. (Amended) A method as in claim 15, where  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$  are CMOS field effect transistors (FETS) and where said control terminal of each is a gate, where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are connected in a common source configuration, where a drain of  $M_{B1}$  is coupled to said gate of  $M_1$  through a first resistance and to said gate of  $M_2$  through a second resistance, and where a drain of  $M_{B2}$  is coupled to said gate of  $M_1$  through said first resistance and to said gate of  $M_2$  through said second resistance, where said drain of each of  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$  is coupled to a source of bias current  $I_B$ , and where said gate of  $M_{B1}$  and said gate of  $M_{B2}$  are each capacitively coupled to said differential RF input signal.

18. (Amended) A method as in claim 15, where  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$  are bipolar transistors  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_{B1}$  and  $Q_{B2}$  and where said control terminal of each is a base, where  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are connected in a common emitter configuration, where a collector of each of  $Q_{B1}$  and  $Q_{B2}$  is coupled to a source of bias current  $I_B$  and to a base of a further bias transistor  $Q_{Bb}$  having an emitter coupled to said base of  $Q_1$  through a first resistance and to said base of  $Q_2$  through a second resistance, where said base of  $Q_{B1}$  is coupled to said first resistance and to said base of  $Q_1$ , and where said base of  $Q_{B2}$  is coupled to said second resistance and to said base of  $Q_2$ , and where said bases of  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_{B1}$  and  $Q_{B2}$  are each capacitively coupled to said differential RF input signal.

19. (Original) A method as in claim 18, further comprising coupling a collector of  $Q_{Bb}$  to a supply voltage  $V_{DD}$ .

20. (Original) A method as in claim 18, where emitters of  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_{B1}$  and  $Q_{B2}$  are each degenerated using a degeneration impedance.

21. (Original) A method as in claim 20, where a value of the degeneration impedance of each of  $Q_{B1}$  and  $Q_{B2}$  is about twice the value of a degeneration impedance that would be used if only a single degenerated bias transistor  $Q_B$  were used in place of  $Q_{B1}$  and  $Q_{B2}$ .

22. (Original) A method as in claim 15, further comprising using said transconductance circuit as a part of a mixer of a cellular telephone.

23. (Original) A method as in claim 15, further comprising using said transconductance circuit as a part of a radio frequency integrated circuit.

24. (Original) A method as in claim 15, further comprising using said transconductance circuit as a part of a radio frequency integrated circuit of a direct conversion receiver of a cellular telephone.

25. (Amended) A method as in claim 15, further comprising using said transconductance circuit as a part of a radio frequency integrated circuit as part of a down-conversion mixer of a direct conversion receiver of a cellular telephone, ~~and where said radio frequency input signal is a differential signal.~~

26. (Original) A method as in claim 19, where said supply voltage  $V_{DD}$  has a value of about one volt.

27. (Original) A method as in claim 19, where said supply voltage  $V_{DD}$  has a value of about 1.2 volts.

28. (Amended) A mobile radio frequency communications unit comprising at least one radio frequency integrated circuit that contains at least one transconductance circuit that comprises a first input device  $M_1$ , a second input device  $M_2$  and a bias setting device  $M_B$

each having a control terminal coupled to ~~an~~ a differential input radio frequency signal, where an output of  $M_B$  is coupled to said control terminal of each of said  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , where  $M_B$  is fabricated as two substantially equal sized paralleled bias setting devices  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$ , where  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$  are coupled to said control terminals of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  for establishing a bias voltage at the control terminals of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  and operate so as to substantially cancel second-order intermodulation distortion and enhance a second order intercept point of said transconductance circuit.

29. (Original) A mobile radio frequency communications unit as in claim 28, where  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$  are each one of a MOS device or a bipolar device.

30. (Original) A mobile radio frequency communications unit as in claim 28, where  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$  are each degenerated.

31. (Original) A mobile radio frequency communications unit as in claim 28, where a value of a degeneration impedance of each of  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$  is about twice the value of a degeneration impedance that would be used if only the single degenerated bias device  $M_B$  were used in place of  $M_{B1}$  and  $M_{B2}$ .

32. (Amended) A mobile radio frequency communications unit as in claim 28, where said ~~radio frequency signal is a differential~~ input radio frequency signal is comprised of  $v_{RF+}$  and  $v_{RF-}$ , and where said control terminal of each of  $M_1$  and  $M_{B1}$  is capacitively coupled to  $v_{RF+}$ , and where said control terminal of each of  $M_2$  and  $M_{B2}$  is capacitively coupled to  $v_{RF-}$ .

33. (Original) A mobile radio frequency communications unit as in claim 28, where at least said transconductance circuit operates with a supply voltage  $V_{DD}$  that has a value of about 1.2 volts or less.